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No FASTag device at Nanjangud Toll Plaza

Toll-less travel today as farmers stage protest

Farmers squat in front of the Toll Plaza at Nanjangud this morning opposing the toll collection on National Highway 766. Picture right shows the Nanjangud Toll Plaza that is not yet equipped with FASTag Sensors to automatically scan vehicles with FASTag.

Mysuru, Dec. 14 (RK&BCT)- The move of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to collect toll on Nanjangud Toll Plaza near Kadakola via National Highway-212 (now NH-766) is ill-planned and poorly executed as the toll booth is not equipped with FASTag Sensors that enable smooth passage of vehicles with FASTag. This means, a commuter has to pay toll despite having FASTag on his vehicle.

FASTag is a sticker that needs to be put at the front windshield of the vehicle. The FASTag then becomes the radio frequency identity of one's vehicle and it is automatically read by the sensors placed at Toll Plazas. The Sensor will read the tag and allow the vehicle to pass smoothly without the vehicle waiting in a queue. However, the Toll Plaza at Nanjangud (K.N. Hundi) is not FASTag-enabled.

Commuters reaching Ooty told *Star of Mysore* this morning that they had to wait in long queues at the Toll Plaza despite having FASTag and recharging the same. "I paid the toll as the toll booth manager told me that their toll booth is yet to be upgraded with FASTag Sensors. This is just fleecing. The highway authorities should have made all arrangements before implementing the rule. Worse, if vehicles do not have FASTag, they have to pay double the toll," said Senthil Kumaran, who was travelling from Bengaluru to Ooty this morning.

The NHAI has started levying toll on NH 766 on the Mysuru-Nanjangud Road that touches Ooty and the Mysuru-T. Narasipur Road that reaches Kollegal. Toll is being levied on Tamil Nadu and Gundlupet-Moolehole Road that touches Kerala. All these roads are part of NH-766 (earlier NH-212). The toll system has been enforced at the Toll Plaza at Kadakola (K.N. Hundi, Nanjangud) and at Yedathore on the T. Narasipur Road.

(See FASTAG on page 13)

KIADB to launch Phase-II of Immavu, Thandya Industrial Area

- **Public hearing on Environment Impact on Jan. 6, 2020**
- **Project to come up in 1,149.21 acres at Nanjangud; estimated cost is Rs. 123.80 crore**

Mysuru, Dec. 14 (RK&BCT)- The Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) has proposed the development of Immavu and Thandya Industrial Area Phase-II in Nanjangud Taluk of Mysuru. The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 123.80 cr.

Over 1,149.21 acres in Immavu and Thandya were acquired by the KIADB in 2015-2016 to form industrial areas after taking feedback from District Industries Centre (DIC) based on the demand for industrial land. DIC officials say that there is a huge demand for industrial land at Immavu, Nanjangud and Thandya.

Mandatory clearances

The project has to obtain environmental clearance from Karnataka State Environmental Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) as mandated by Union Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC) and is also required to go through environmental public hearing process.

(See KIADB on page 13)

'No logic behind KIADB move'

Reacting to the KIADB move to conduct public hearing after acquiring the land, several people have questioned the logic. "The land has already been acquired by the KIADB and compensation has been paid to the farmers and land-losers. The area of Immavu and Thandya is a green belt having lakes, Varuna Canal and Kapila River amidst scenic surroundings. Naturally there will be objection as the green belt will be converted to industrial area," said an industrialist who wanted to be anonymous.

"If at all there is objection and if the Environment Ministry refuses to clear the project, will the KIADB give the land back to farmers," he questioned. He said that such public hearings must be held before the land is acquired and also all necessary project approvals must be obtained before the land is acquired. "This will prevent waste of public money," he quipped.

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Encroachment enterprise

Observing the growing population with unalloyed concern, Thomas Robert Malthus (1766-1834), a British demographer and political economist, opined that the power of population is indefinitely greater than the power in the earth to produce subsistence for human-beings. He also inferred that populations had a tendency to grow until the economically weaker sections suffered hardship, want and greater susceptibility to hunger and disease burden. According to him, the power of *land* to produce food being limited, the law of diminishing returns operated in the field of agriculture and the operation of this law *prevented* food production from *increasing* in proportion to *capital* invested on land. Given the unabating addition to the population of the country year after year on the cusp of outstripping the production of food, and more importantly the steady shrinking of per capita land for shelter, agriculture, industry, roads, green cover, lung space and basic infrastructure needed for governance, not only money worth of land is sky-rocketing but also the lay people are helplessly witnessing *land-grabbing*, euphemistically called *encroachment* all over the country, including the comparatively tranquil Mysuru city. Intermediaries, working with sponsorship of land-grabbers are having a field day, particularly in metropolises such as Bengaluru.

Lake-beds and lands on the fringes of once-lush forests have been encroached upon to the point of no return to their original state until not too long ago. Space alongside the country's Railway lines, estimated to be a few hundred thousand square kilometres, have been encroached, mostly resulting in unauthorised construction of dwellings.

An emerging enterprise is faking land-related records of genuine owners of their residential sites, particularly those which have been left unused for a number of years. According to some keen observers of the goings on in urban space, residential sites commanding market value at unimaginable levels, often being talked about in crores of rupees, even possessing all the authentic records such as Urban Property Ownership Record (UPOR) as well as officially issued receipts by the urban local body annually for prompt payment of property tax doesn't guarantee ownership rights, as the intermediaries are at their brilliant best in faking the documents, leaving the genuine owners of property aghast, particularly those who don't have the money power or political clout to wrest their property by approaching either law-keepers or law-Courts.

While land-grabbers all over the country are proving a law unto themselves, encroachment of India's territory by its hostile neighbours as well as areas figuring in inter-State disputes remaining unresolved are to be deemed as modern enterprise with stakes beyond calculation. Encroached lands everywhere have turned into nobody's baby.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The Lok Sabha took up a discussion on the Chit Funds (Amendment) Bill. Among Lok Sabha members who participated in the discussion, the YSR Congress Party's (YSRCP's) Raghu Ramakrishna Raju Kanumuru demanded a change in the nomenclature of not just the Bill but also in the way these schemes were named. The MP from Andhra Pradesh's Narsapuram Constituency said the word "Chit" was being pronounced "Cheat", which was reducing the importance of such schemes for people with no banking facilities. He said the name "Chit Fund" should be changed to "Fraternity Fund." — In Business Standard

NEWS SPARKLERS

Thousands of bizarre 'penis fish' wash up on beach

California: Thousand of bizarre 'penis fish' have washed up on a beach in northern California, likely due to the weather.

Experts believe the phallic creatures, known as fat innkeeper worms, were forced out of their underwater burrows and dumped on Drakes Beach by recent storms.

'Penis fish' are a delicacy in East Asia, where they are eaten raw with salt and sesame oil, grilled or stir-fried with vegetables, and they are also used as fishing bait. The creatures dig U-shaped burrows within beaches or mudflats. The tunnels are left behind for other sea life to move in, hence it got the "innkeeper" name.

The bizarre but harmless creatures can live for up to 25 years and spend most of their lives on the sea floor. Researchers have found U-shaped burrows dating back 300 million years.

Tiny cowboy hats on Pigeons, and no one knows why

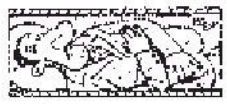
Las Vegas: Residents of Las Vegas were amused to see tiny cowboy hats on pigeons but they do not know who put them and why.

It all started on Dec. 5, when a Las Vegas resident named Bobby Lee noticed two funny-looking birds pecking the ground. The pigeons drew his attention because they were wearing these tiny cowboy hats – one red and one grey – so he whipped out his phone and started filming them, later uploading the video to Facebook, where it quickly went viral. The next day, everyone was talking about cowboy-hat-wearing pigeons, and Lee was getting phone calls from agencies trying to license his video.

The response to the tiny flying cowboys was mixed. While some just found the idea cute and jumped at the opportunity to catch the pigeons on camera, others expressed concern about the birds' well-being.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Do people ever come back to life after being declared dead?



Since 1982, there have been 38 reported cases of "Lazarus syndrome," where cardiac activity stopped, only to suddenly return later. 82% of cases of Lazarus syndrome involved cardiac activity returning within 10 minutes of CPR being stopped.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Registration of Construction Workers for Ayushman Bharat Health Scheme

Mysuru, Dec. 14 - For beneficiaries of Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board, registration will begin from Dec. 16 - Dec. 27 to avail benefits of Ayushman Bharat-Arogya Karnataka Scheme. Eligible beneficiaries may register their names on stipulated date and place, details of which will be provided by Labour Inspectors at their respective taluks or Senior Labour Inspector of Mysore Circle or Construction Workers Association, according to a press release by Labour Inspector, Mysuru.

Entries invited for Healthy Baby contest next month

Mysuru, Dec. 14 (KS)- Rotary Central Mysore has organised Healthy Baby Contest at Rotary West School in Saraswathipuram in city next month (Jan. 12) from 3 pm to promote and create awareness about bringing up children in a healthy atmosphere.

The contest is being held under 0 to 1 year, 1 to 2 years, 2 to 3 years and 3 to 4 years categories and the winners will be given attractive prizes. Also, gift hampers will be given to all participating children. For details and registration, contact Rtn. M.S. Jayaprakash (98451-55940), Rtn. N. Umesha (98457-11277 or Rtn. Rajesh Darira (90360-19604).

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- ***It was thousands of years ago when the primary purpose of human beings was to protect themselves from other beings and feed themselves. Homo erectus means "Upright man."***

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VOICE OF THE READER

Catching helmetless riders

Cops must change *modus operandi*

Sir,

Come month ends, Police personnel would be busy stationing themselves at main roads, cross road corners all over the city to catch the helmetless riders, to collect penalty.

While the helmetless riders are to be penalised, the *modus operandi* of the traffic cops needs to be changed to avoid accidents that would happen because of helter-skelter moving of those riders to escape being caught by the Police.

As done in foreign countries, the traffic violators are to be caught by CCTV cameras and notice for payment of penalty to be sent to their address and further the bank account details of every registered owner of vehicles to be stored and direct debit to their accounts is to be done.

Apart from the helmetless rider, non-strapped seat belt drivers, motorists who use mobiles while riding, those who jump the signals, move on wrong side and lanes pose more danger to the other law-abiding motorists and they are to be penalised heavily.

Hope, the Traffic Police authorities will give a serious thought to these aspects.

— B.G. Balaji
on e-mail

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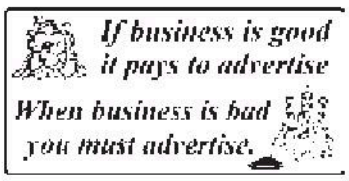

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NEWS BRIEFS

Hoysala Sangha AGM tomorrow

The Annual General body Meeting (AGM) of Hoysala Karnataka Sangha will take place at Sri Chandrashekarendra Saraswathi Centenary Hall in the Sangha premises located on N.S. Road, Lakshmipuram in city at 10.30 am tomorrow (Dec.15). For details, contact Ph: 0821-2330995, according to a press release from the Sangha.

Prize distribution at Krishna Gana Sabha

Prizes to winners of music competitions held on Dec.8 by Sri Krishna Gana Sabha will be distributed on Dec.15 (Sunday) at 6 pm by Sri Shivakanthananda Swamiji, Correspondent, Sri Ramakrishna Institute of Moral and Spiritual Education at Alwar Kala Bhavana in Golulam. B.S. Sridhara Raj Urs, President, Sri Krishna Gana Sabha, will preside. Selected prize winners will sing on the occasion, according to a press release.

Christmas bash for children

A gala Christmas bash for children has been organised at MatchBox, a Multi-sport Turf Park in Vijaynagar on Dec.22 (Sunday). A variety of fun-filled games, magic show will be held. For details, contact Mob: 96201- 92323.

Music workshop

Surabhi Gaana Kala Mandira will be conducting a music workshop on the topic 'Sri Jayachamarajendra Wadiyar compositions and Mahila Haridasa compositions' from Dec.15 to 22 between 4.30 pm and 6.30 pm. Interested may contact Mob: 94806-38815 or 96635-82045.

'Dhanur Masa' puja at Suttur

The month-long 'Dhanur Masa' puja will take place at all temples in Suttur Temple Cluster at Suttur in Nanjangud taluk from Dec.16, 2019 to Jan.14, 2020, according to a release.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	122.46 ft
Yesterday	122.59 ft
Inflow	2,888 cusecs
Outflow	4,701 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,277.43 ft
Inflow	381 cusecs
Outflow	1400 cusecs

National Lok Adalat begins in city amidst boycott by advocates

Mysuru, Dec.14 (PM&DM)- The fourth and last National Lok Adalat of the year 2019, began in the city this morning amidst boycott by Mysore Bar Association in protest against the Dec.12 Government order cancelling Fourth Saturday Holiday for Courts.

The Mysore Bar Association at a meeting held yesterday, had decided to boycott the Lok Adalat proceedings in protest against the unilateral Government order cancelling Fourth Saturday holiday for Courts, without giving any prior intimation to advocate Bodies.

Despite boycott by advocates, the Lok Adalat began in the city with the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) engaging the services of Para-legal volunteers, Public Prosecutors and social workers for resolving legal disputes by evolving rapprochement between rival parties. However, advocates are taking part in the Lok Adalat being held at all the taluk centres of the district.

In the city, the Lok Adalat is taking place at a total of 33 Benches in the District Law Courts Complex and at Malalawadi Court, behind Apollo Hospital.

Speaking after launching the National Lok Adalat, Senior Civil Judge and DLSA Member-Secretary B.P. Devamane said that with the advocates boycotting the proceedings, the DLSA, as an alternative arrangement, engaged Para-legal volunteers, Public Prosecutors and social workers.

With the advocates boycotting the proceedings of the fourth and last National Lok Adalat of the year 2019, the DLSA, as an alternative arrangement, engaged Para-legal volunteers, Public Prosecutors and social workers. Picture below shows a woman carrying her child among the people waiting for their turn to get the pending cases settled.

Pointing out that 12,209 cases, including 1,205 pre-litigation cases, are coming up at today's Lok Adalat in the district, he said that the cases include criminal and civil compounding cases, Bank recovery cases, cheque bounce cases, land acquisition cases, service matters relating to pay, allowances and retiral benefits, revenue cases, motor vehicle claims tribunal cases, labour, matrimonial disputes and other civil cases.

Noting that there is no fee for settlement of cases in the Lok Adalat, Judge Devamane said that the Lok Adalat awards will be final without further appeal.

The previous three National Lok Adalats, that takes place at all levels from the Supreme Court to the Taluk Court across the country, were held on Mar.9, July 13 and Sept.14 this year.

In a first, regulator hikes prices of essential medicines

New Delhi, Dec.14- In a major development that would help drug makers to tide over the high costs of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) and intermediates, the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has increased the ceiling price of 21 formulations by 50 percent on Dec.13.

NPPA said it has been receiving applications for an upward revision of prices under para 19 of the Drug Price Control Orders (DPCO), 2013, since the last two years. The applications cited various reasons such as an increase in API costs, an increase in the cost of production, exchange rates etc. resulting in the unviability of the production and marketing of certain drugs.

Formulations that were revised by the Government include: Clofazimine for leprosy treatment; the antibiotic Metronidazole; Ascorbic acid (Vitamin C); the antibiotic Co-trimoxazole; anti-allergy drug Pheniramine; the antibiotic Benzyl penicillin; Chloroquine, an anti-malarial

drug; Dapsone, an anti-leprosy drug; the anti-hypertensive drug Furosemide, among others.

For instance, the ceiling price of Ascorbic Acid (Vitamin C) will be Rs.1.34 after a 50 percent upward revision of prices excluding GST.

There is neither a precedent nor any formula prescribed for the revision of the prices under the Act. NPPA said the case of upward price revision of 21 formulations under para 19 of DPCO 2013 was deliberated upon by the Authority. It also noted that the twenty one scheduled formulations considered are low priced drugs and have been under repeated price control.

Most of these drugs are used as first line of treatment and are crucial to the public health programme of the country. Many companies have applied for discontinuation of the product on account of unviability.

"The mandate of NPPA is to ensure availability of drugs at affordable prices. It was noted that while ensuring affordability, access cannot be jeopardised and the life saving essential drugs must remain available to the general public at all times. Therefore, the Authority is of the considered view that unviability of these formulations should not lead to a situation, where these drugs become unavailable in the market and the public is forced to switch to costly alternatives," said NPPA.

New Mysuru-Yelahanka MEMU train from Dec.16

Mysuru, Dec.14- In yet another gift to Railway commuters of the city and Bengaluru, especially those travelling to Kempegowda International Airport (KIA), the South Western Railway (SWR) will be introducing a new MEMU (Mainline Electric Multiple Units) daily train between Mysuru and Yelahanka.

The new service begins from Mysuru (Train No.06562) on Dec.16 and from Yelahanka (Train No. 06561) on Dec.17. Train No.06562 leaves Mysuru at 22.20 hours and reaches Yelahanka at 01.30 hours.

On it's return journey, Train No.06561 leaves Yelahanka at 02.30 hours and reaches Mysuru at 05.35 hours.

The train is scheduled to stop at Mandya, Kengeri, KSR Bengaluru City and Yeswanthpur.

This night train is expected to be of huge benefit for those catching early morning flights at KIA. At present, most of the passengers travelling to KIA rely on Mysuru-Chennai Kaveri Express which leaves Mysuru at 21.00 hours or Bengaluru Passenger train which leaves Mysuru at 23.55 hours.

No power on Dec. 17

Mysuru, Dec. 14- Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted on Dec. 17 between 10 am and 6 pm in the following areas: Hura, Hadya, Hallare, Devarayashettypura and Hediyala.

FTSVV Power Distribution Centre: Shivaji Road, A.J. Block, Gandhinagar, Sathyanagar, Mahadevapura Road, Mohammed Sait Block, Bannimantap, Tilaknagar, Bannimantap A and B Layouts, Rajendranagar, Kesare 1st, 2nd and 3rd Stages, Naidunagar, NR Mohalla, Ashoka Road, Lashkar Mohalla, Pulakeshi Road, Kailsapuram, Mandi Mohalla and surrounding areas.

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Doora Power Distribution Centre: Doora, Talur, Murudagalli, Doddakatur, Chikkakatur, Sindhuvalli and surrounding areas, according to a press release from the CESC.

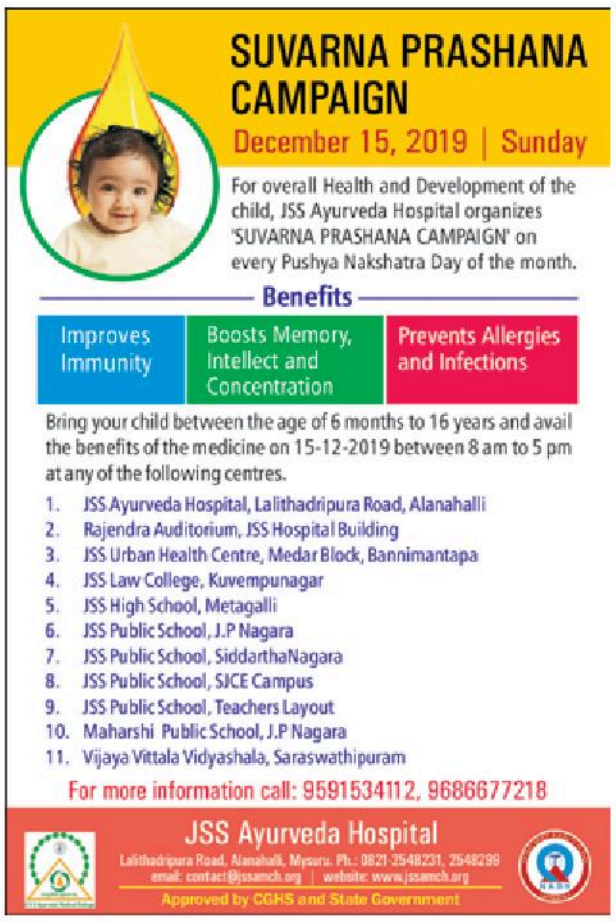
Training for competitive exams: Applications invited

Mysuru, Dec. 14 - The Social Welfare Department has invited applications from students (maximum 1,000) belonging to SC and ST community to provide preparatory training for competitive exams such as JEE/NEET and SAT/GMAT/IELTS/TOEFL. Those students studying first PU are eligible for JEE/NEET while students who are willing to pursue higher education in foreign Universities are eligible for GRE/GMAT/SAT and students studying in 10th standard are eligible for pre-military exams.

Students are requested to download applications from *www.sw.kar.nic.in* and submit the application online before Dec. 16; *pre.military.petc@gmail.com* for 10th standard students; *jee.net.petc@gmail.com* for first PU and *at.gre.gmat.petc@gmail.com* for students willing to pursue higher education in foreign Universities, according to a release.

Blood donation camp on Dec.15

Mysuru, Dec. 14-Gayathri Foundation, Mysuru, in association with Jeevadhara Blood Bank has organised a free blood donation camp on Dec.15 from 9 am to 5 pm at Sougandhika Park in Kuvempunagar. For details contact Mob:97318-22122.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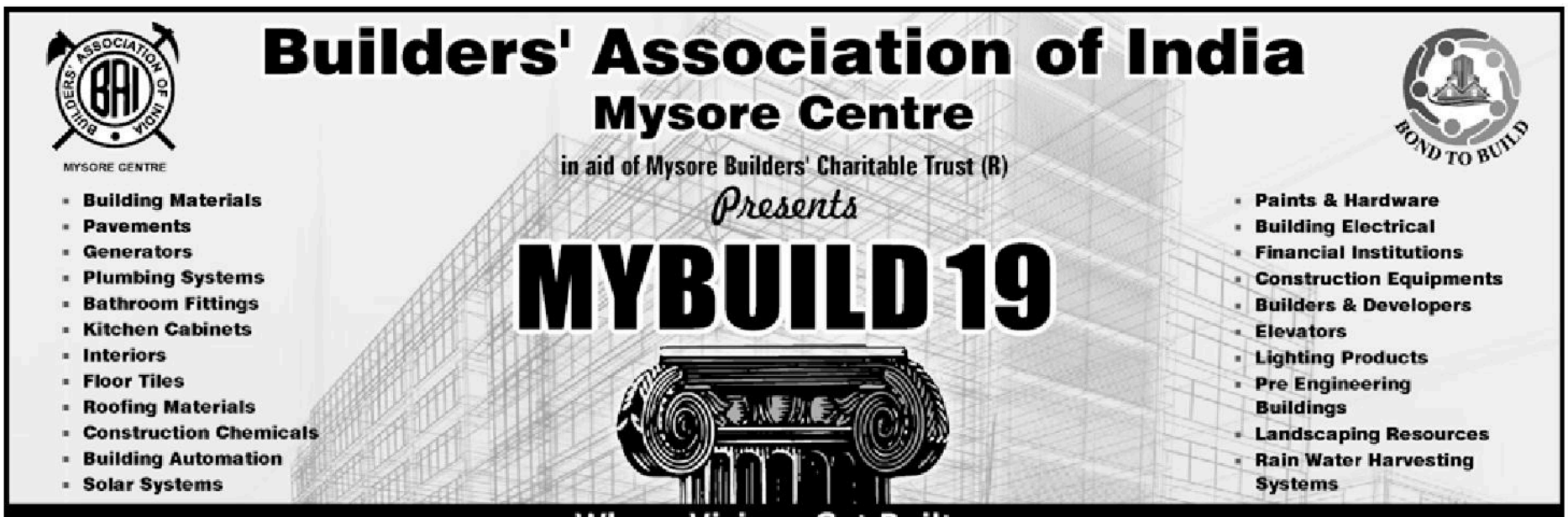
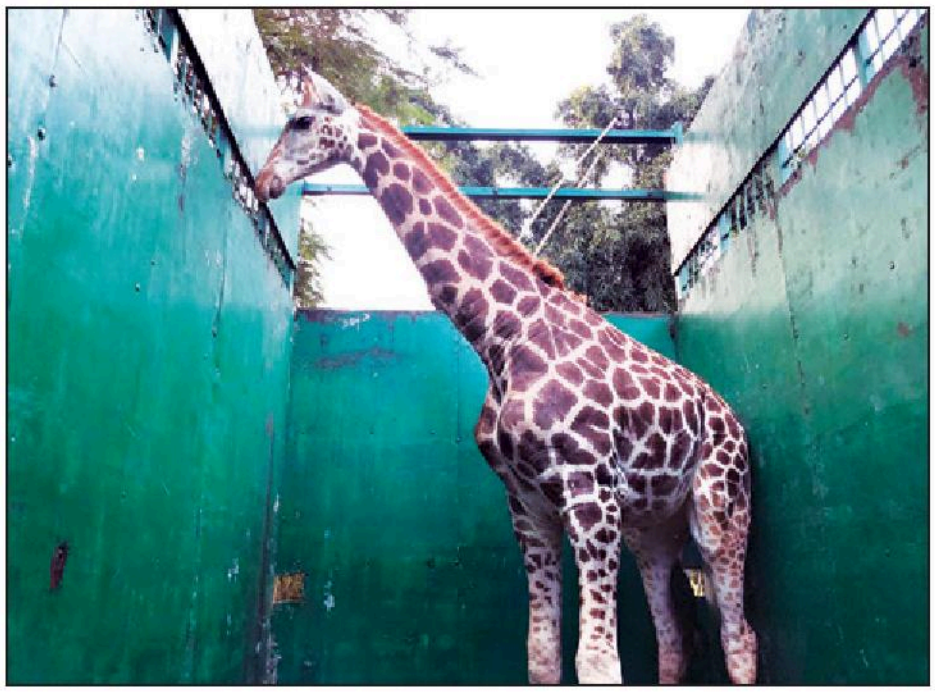


Tallest Animal Travels Longest Distance

12-foot tall Chamarajendra covers 3,200 kms in a 16-foot crate from Mysuru to Guwahati Zoo



The 16-foot crate that carried giraffe Chamarajendra from Mysuru Zoo to Guwahati Zoo being unloaded in Assam. Picture right shows the giraffe inside the cage.

Mysuru, Dec. 14 (MTY&BCT)- A male giraffe from Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens (Mysuru Zoo) has created a record of sorts by travelling all the way to Assam State Zoo-cum-Botanical Garden at Guwahati on road. The 14-month-old giraffe, Chamarajendra, travelled 3,200 kilometres to achieve the distinction of being the longest distance a giraffe has travelled on road so far in the recent decades.

The 12-foot-tall male giraffe travelled in a specially designed truck for seven nights, eight days and reached Guwahati safely. As many as seven professionals, including veterinarian Dr. Ramesh, travelled along with the animal in the truck, said Mysuru Zoo Executive Director Ajit M. Kulkarni.

There was no giraffe at the Guwahati Zoo for eight years now. As such, Mysuru Zoo sent Chamarajendra under its animal exchange programme. Mysuru Zoo will get a rhinoceros in return and the rhino is being brought by the same team that shifted Chamarajendra to Assam.

The team

Chamarajendra was born in Mysuru Zoo itself under the Zoo's captive breeding programme and travelled 450 kilometres per day during daylight. Travelling at night was avoided due to the risks involved. Along with Dr. Ramesh, Supervisor Uday and animal-keepers Vinod, Swamy, Madhu, Kumar and another Swamy accompanied Chamarajendra.

It is not the first time that the Zoo has transported giraffes the long-distance routes. What is unique in Chamarajendra's transportation was the distance — 3,200 kilometres. The Mysuru Zoo had in the past transported Bheem, a male giraffe to Patna Zoo in 2014, covering a distance of about 1,800 kilometres.

Reaches Assam on Dec. 5

Chamarajendra's transporting team had the responsibility of taking care of the tallest animal during the transit. The giraffe was shifted in such a way that it does not face the hot sun. The specially-designed truck and the 16-foot crate mounted on it travelled to Assam via Mandya, Bengaluru, Telangana, Odisha, Jharkhand and West Bengal to reach Guwahati.

Despite facing many traffic jams all along the route, Chamarajendra accomplished the feat on Dec. 5. In some places, the team had to wait for hours to get congestion-free traffic on the Highways. Ajit Kulkarni told *Star of Mysore* that the Mysuru Zoo had been making preparations for its long-distance travel for six months. The journey from Kolkata till Guwahati was gruelling with many ghats and congested roads.

Breaking record

"It was a challenging feat and I am glad that Chamarajendra has reached safely. It is a milestone for Mysuru Zoo as no other giraffe has been transported to such a long distance. A giraffe was recently transported from Kolkata to Hyderabad but the distance Chamarajendra covered was more," he said.

Chamarajendra was born to Yuvaraja and Bubbly in the Mysuru Zoo and it underwent preparatory training for six months. "It was familiarised to the 16-foot tall crate and was fed inside the enclosure as part of the acclimatisation process. Chamarajendra too responded well and we have the results in front of us," Kulkarni added.

'Male and female are happy together'

This photo of Chamarajendra and his mate at Guwahati Zoo was shared by Assam Minister of Excise, Forest and Environment, Parimal Suklabaidya.

Giraffes will be part of Assam State Zoo-cum-Botanical Garden or Guwahati Zoo after a gap of eight years. Chamarajendra is now sharing its enclosure with a female companion. Earlier, the Assam State Zoo, in an exchange programme between State Zoo and Sanjay Gandhi Biological Park, Patna, had acquired a female giraffe.

Assam Minister of Excise, Forest and Environment, Parimal Suklabaidya shared a photograph of the male and female giraffes basking in the sun and wrote on the Twitter, "The male and the female are happy together."

3-day soil test training for farmers at Naganahalli

Mysuru, Dec. 14- District Agriculture Training Centre has organised a three-day institutional training programme for farmers on the topic 'Comprehensive nutrient management with soil test' at Naganahalli District Agriculture Training Centre from Dec. 16 (Monday).

Only 35 farmers can participate in the training programme in which free food and accommodation will be provided for participants during the training period. Interested farmers are requested to contact Centre's Agriculture Officer G.K. Shilpa on Mob: 82779-33177.

Karnatak and Hindustani vocal concert at Nadabrahma on Dec. 15 and 16

Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha has organised a Karnatak and Hindustani vocal concert on Dec. 15 and 16 at its premises on JLB Road, Mysuru.

On 15th (Sunday) at 5.30 pm, B.M. Subbanna Memorial concert sponsored by Bellur Foundation will be a Karnatak Vocal concert by Vivek Moozhikkulam. He will be accompanied on violin by B.K. Raghu while C. Cheluvaraju on mridanga and G.S. Ramanujan on ghata.

Profile: Vivek Moozhikkulam, hailing from Kerala, started learning under A.D. Reju Narayanan and V.R. Dileep Kumar. Now he is under C.R. Vaidyanathan of Chennai, who is the senior disciple of *Padma Bhushan* P.S. Narayanaswami.

He has completed B.A, M.A Music and M.Phil in Music from Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit Kalady. He is a regular performer in the main circuit all over the country and has performed in all major Sabhas. He has also entered the movie land by singing a song for the movie *"Thrishivaperoor Cliptam."*

An "A" Grade artiste from AIR Thrissur, he has won laurels like Chembai Puraskaram from Kerala Government in 2017, Best Vocalist Award from Music Academy Chennai - 2018 and M.S. Subbulakshmi Fellowship from Shanmukhananda Sabha Mumbai to name a few.

Raghunandan Bhat

Vivek Moozhikkulam

On 16th (Monday) at 6 pm, Raghunandan Bhat will give a Hindustani vocal concert supported by Bhimashankar Bidanur on tabla and Sriram Bhat on harmonium for D.V.S. Acharya memorial concert sponsored by Leela Acharya.

Profile: Raghunandan is a well-known Hindustani vocalist. Born in 1985, he has a Master's degree in Microbiology. His musical journey started under Ananth Bhagawath as the first Guru and later under Pt. Sripad Hegde. His music is blended with both Kirana and Gwalior Gharana. Apart from classical singing, he is well-known in the field of Light Music. A graded artiste in AIR, Raghunandan had received *Nadakishora* title in 2012 from Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha.

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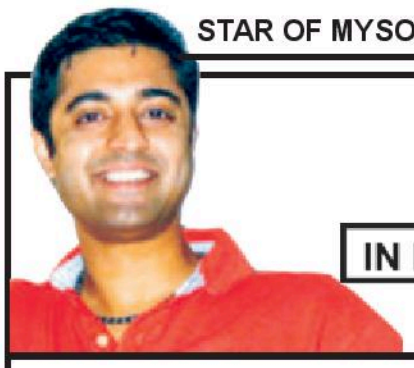

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Vikram Muthanna

Thoughts on CAB

The Citizenship Act of 1955 has been amended again and passed. This Act has been amended five times before, thrice by the Congress Government and twice by the BJP. The Bill was amended in 1986, 1992, 2003, 2005 and 2015. In the recent amendment, illegal Muslim immigrants have been left out from being legalised as Indian citizens.

The new amendment to this Bill states that Indian Citizenship will be given to all illegal immigrants of Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, Parsi and Christian faiths hailing from Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan, who entered India to escape 'religious persecution.' No, illegal Muslims cannot avail this provision but they can apply separately for asylum and citizenship like Bangladeshi author Taslima Nasreen and Pakistani Music composer Adnan Sami did.

As this Bill was passed, a perception was created that our nation was in chaos. Obviously, a nation will seem to be in a state of chaos when political parties, sniffing an "appeasement" opportunity in Citizenship Amendment Bill (CAB), say it is anti-Indian Muslim who is an Indian citizen.

The Opposition parties and other Civil Right Groups are opposing the CAB on the ground that it discriminates against Muslims. Yes, it does discriminate against "illegal" Muslim immigrants not Indian Muslims. This Government clearly says this amendment is for illegal immigrants who have been "persecuted" for their religious beliefs in the three neighbouring Muslim nations. "Persecuted for their religious beliefs" is the operative phrase.

It may very well be that this Government's logic is that there are over 50 majority Muslim countries in the world. Out of this 7 have adopted Islam as the ideological foundation of their State and Constitution, another 21 have endorsed Islam as their State religion, the three countries named in the Bill are among this 21. So it is obvious that BJP feels if a Muslim wants to seek refuge from "religious" persecution from a nation ruled by their own faith, then they have 49 other Muslim countries to choose from to relocate.

But then so do Christians and Buddhists, they have nations where they are a majority too. That is why it seems like the other religions were added more to give a "secular" touch.

Also the BJP may be considering the persecution of Muslims in Muslim countries as an internal matter of Islam. In the sense that if a Shia Muslim is persecuted in a Sunni majority Muslim nation, then they can move to Shia majority nation instead of India.

One gets a sense that this Government feels, while Muslims, Christians and even Buddhists have many nations where they are a majority and will be accepted, where will Hindus go? Obviously India. After all, India is the only majority Hindu nation in the world along with Nepal. So may be for BJP, India is to Hindus what Israel is to Jews. The last safe haven.

This does not mean India will one day become only for Hindus. It will never happen. The very fact that a party perceived as being minority appeasing in nature ruled this nation of Hindu majority for half a century is proof of that and with that comes the much spoken about Article 14 in the Constitution.

The members of the Opposition and concerned civil society activists say leaving out illegal Muslims is unconstitutional under Article 14 which states: *"The State shall not deny to any person equality before the law or the equal protection of the laws within the territory of India."* The equal protection of law means the State will not frame laws or rules that discriminate between two persons. If this is the case, where are these "secular voices" when Muslims in India operate under a separate law? Is this not contrary to Article 14 and also corrosive to the homogeneity of a nation? If we are one nation, should we all not be ruled by one law?

Now, let's not fool ourselves. The BJP brought this amendment because their calculation went wrong with National Register of Citizens (NRC). Because when former PM Dr. Manmohan Singh had suggested the same provision in CAB with illegal Muslims also included the BJP then had objected. Probably thinking that there were too many illegal Muslim immigrants in the North East. But when the NRC list was finalised they realised it was not Muslims but nearly 19 lakh Bangladeshi Hindus who were illegal immigrants and now this CAB amendment fixes this problem by bringing about their legitimacy.

The CAB implementation will indeed change the demography of the North East and this is what the protest in the North East is all about. They are not protesting because "illegal Muslims" were left out of the Bill, they are protesting because they don't want their hills to turn into, as one student leader put it, "dumping ground for immigrants who are culturally different."

They fear a repeat of what happened in Tripura where for decades illegal immigration has taken place and today the indigenous people are a minority in their own land. This has affected their political representation and with that their social, political and economic relevance. They have become irrelevant in their own land.

Indeed the protestors are right in saying they should not be the dumping ground for immigrants. Herein lies the BJP's failure. They failed to prepare for the outcome of CAB, they did not engage the leaders who

have for decades been against legalising immigrants in their land, they failed to take an otherwise helpful Bangladesh Government into confidence. In the end there is misinformation and no clarity in the solution for North East people.

This North East protest throws up another Constitutional issue, that of Article 19. This Article states it is the fundamental right of every Indian to move freely throughout the territory of India and reside, settle or carry on any occupation.

But even today an Indian citizen has to obtain a document called Inner Line Permit to enter certain North Eastern States, a kind of Visa to enter another State within our own country. So it is ironic that while North East States don't want other Indians coming to their State, they travel all across India to make a career.

Also some States in the North have been given special status, so special that only indigenous people can buy land. This is done in order to protect their unique cultural demography. But on the other hand these indigenous people can buy land in other States of India! How fair is that?

This is exactly why even people from Kodagu are asking for this special status. Kodavas are tribals, they have a unique culture unlike any other people around them, they live in a unique geographic area and their demography is threatened by immigration from Kerala. So why is BJP not making Kodagu special? Are only border States unique, not so much because of their culture but because of national security? We are sure in time many other communities will claim they are unique and want protectionist policies. Makes one wonder when will Indians become Indians first and Indians last as Dr. B.R. Ambedkar hoped?

For now, CAB has nothing to do with Muslims in India. It has to do with providing a safe haven for persecuted Hindus from the three Muslim countries. And the North East alone should not have to bear the burden of immigration — BJP has to give a solution, not just forced implementation.

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Mysuru Saturday 14th December 2019

Birds of a Feather

India is home to many exotic species of birds and animals but did you know that the country also has set a record for the 'Most bird species in an aviary'? Yes, the Guinness Book of World Records has confirmed that the beautiful Shukavana at Avadhoota Datta Peetham below the Chamundi Hill in Mysuru has the most kinds of birds in a garden.

This year, as part of Winter Festival in Mysuru, Mysuru Bird Fest 2019 will be held on Dec. 28 and 29 where participants will be taken on field visits at bird sites and there will be lectures by reputed bird scientists. In the light of Bird Fest, this *Weekend Star Supplement* features Shukavana, a Sunshine Corner and a colourful place that is creating an uplifting environment of happiness and fun.

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Winged Wonders, Wanderers

By Shadan Muneer

Mysuru is a treasure trove for tourists. Apart from popular attractions, there are many hidden, unexplored and interesting places to visit in and around the city.

One such distinctive draw is Shukavana, a rehabilitation centre for parrots housed inside the sprawling premises of Avadhoota Datta Peetham's Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama at the foot of Chamundi Hill.

The screeching, squawking sound made by colourful exotic species of parrots welcome visitors into this fantasy land of winged wonders. Shukavana is a rehabilitation centre for parrots with a dedicated bird hospital — named 'Parivana'.

This provides veterinary care and shelter to injured abandoned and ailing birds. The man behind this initiative is Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji a spiritual teacher, a healer, an educationist who is also renowned for his meditation music.

Sri Swamiji established Shukavana in 2012 and it is named after sage Shuka considering his contributions towards teaching righteous values.

Shelter to injured and abandoned birds

Shukavana today has been successful in giving treatment and shelter to injured and abandoned birds. They are looked after by a professional team of volunteers and a dedicated medical staff.

A pair of African Grey Parrots was donated to Shukavana by Keshav Jhunjhunwala, a businessman from Kolkata as he was unable to take care of his parrots because of his workload and business schedules. Keshav Jhunjhunwala opines, "There is no better place than Shukavana for my parrots I am sure that they will be safe and looked after with utmost care here."

The striking 50m-high free-flight, one-acre aviary is built in a well thought about manner where the birds have enough freedom to fly about with trees and cages all around. Earlier they were always free to fly about but since visitors were scared of some birds that led them to getting stressed, they are restricted to the cages now.

Natural habitat along with healthy environs

Considering the variety of species native to different countries, living habits, dietary requirements, birds are provided with matchless environment encompassed with natural habitat along with healthy safe and clean conditions to enable the birds to lead a healthy life

Sri Swamiji believes that birds are vital to the existence of other species and their diminishing number in recent years has been a cause for alarm and a call for action. Through this initiative he hopes to inform and sensitise and grow a sense of respect and friendliness amongst the general public towards these avian species.

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"Parrots have always been considered sacred in India and because of their ability to mimic human speech they played a pivotal role in the Vedas and the Puranas. Swamiji not only gives these winged beauties personal attention but also trains them."

This incident moved Swamiji to set up Parrot Paradise

There is an interesting incident which dates back to 25 years that paved way for the founding of this 'parrot paradise'. It is said that when Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji was on a spiritual tour to South America and was visiting a waterfall in Venezuela where he accidentally fell into a 100-ft deep lake from the boat and only because a flock of macaws flew over him the life-guards could notice the drowning Swamiji and rescue him. After returning to India, Swamiji introspected about the incident and decided to start a rehabilitation centre for parrots and Shukavana took shape.

Visual, audio treat for every bird lover

A walk inside the aviary spread across one-and-a-half-acre area is a visual treat for every bird lover. This free flight walk-in aviary houses more than 3,000 colourful birds of 425 different species from all around the world and it has made it to the Guinness World Records for housing the largest number of bird species in an aviary.

Swamiji, who is the founder of Avadhoota Datta Peetham Ashram, has always been passionate about birds. In the initial stages when some of his devotees and the owners of the birds began to bring in sick and injured parrots to Swamiji from different corners of the country, a small aviary was constructed to house about 25 injured birds. They were given treatment and over the course of time, the number grew from few dozens to hundreds and today there are over 3,000 exotic birds from all over the world. Some of these birds have been rescued by his followers and brought to the rehabilitation centre, others were found sick and abandoned.

This unique bird Park is a home to Quaker Parrots, African Grey Parrots, Macaws, Cockatoos, Amazon Parrots Eclectus, Lorikeets, Sun Conures, and Orange Winged Toucan among 425 species of birds.

Parroting Act: Rama, Jaya Guru, Datta

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Bird brains are compact, but unlike those of humans, are fully utilised. Hence they are very intelligent and are able to imitate human voices. They are monogamous and normally are so attached to their partners that their loss makes them depressed.

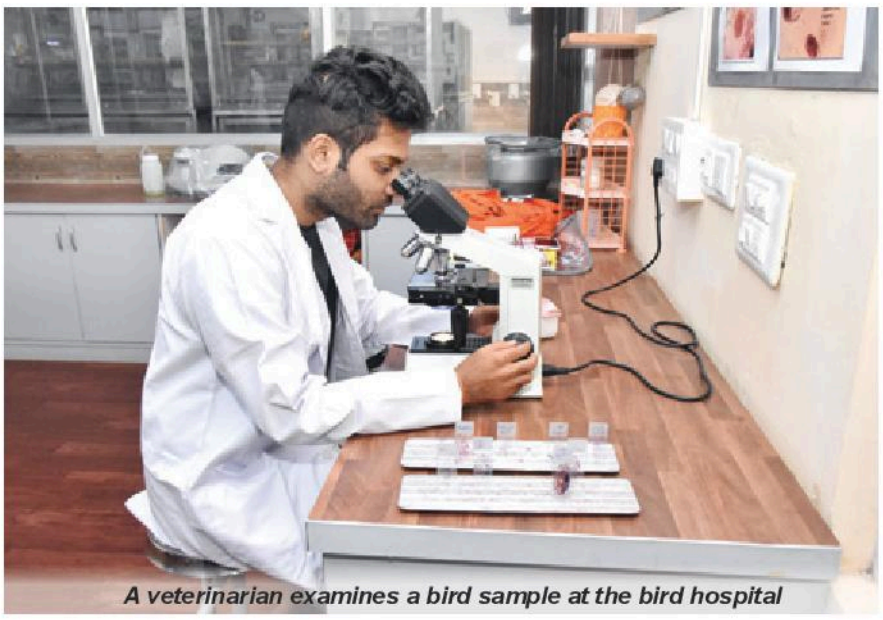
Amazon Parrots are known for their mimicking capabilities these human-friendly birds are trained accordingly. They can mimic words like Rama, Jaya Guru, Datta, Appaji, hello, how are you, good morning etc, some can even recite phrases and can sing a few of Swamiji's bhajans. Swamiji has even named some of these parrots as Bittu, Ranga, Indira, Appu, Rocky, and Shrona to name a few.

Sri Swamiji argues that parrots have the ability to travel into invisible spiritual dimensions and to convey essential nourishment to departed human souls. "Parrots have capabilities not only for mimicking human speech and songs, but are perhaps the vital source of man's initial foray into areas of communication," the Swamiji says.

Shukavana is a distinctive aviary where one gets the most astonishing opportunity of being in the divine presence of the living, breathing deity that presides over one's own zodiac sign.

A parrot that represents one's planet and birth date, parrots stand as a symbol for each day of the month as well they have a specific spiritual connection with the nine planets, twelve Zodiac signs the numerals of the dates in each month and the Seven musical notes.

Taking care of Feathered Beauties



A veterinarian examines a bird sample at the bird hospital

The operation theatre at the bird hospital.

The birds are left out freely in the Aviary daily from 6 am to 9 am for them to fly around inside the aviary and there are 15 women employees to take care of the feeding of these feathered beauties.

They are fed with mixed fruits, chopped mixed vegetables, green leafy vegetables, sprouts, millets seeds, almonds, walnuts, cashews, and special vegetarian Cerelac powder loaded with proteins is given in the morning hours along with clean filtered water.

Being an asset to Mysore, Shukavana is also partnered with National Geographic project and other reputed organisations that would work to protect birds and their habitat.

The aviary offers the visitors a chance to feed the birds and click pictures with these beauties. Professional photographer is assigned for the job by the Ashram. "Clicking pictures of the birds by visitors is not allowed as the mobile radiation is harmful for the birds so we have hired a photographer to do the job and charge a nominal fee for the photo" says a staff.

Savita a local school teacher who was spotted at Shukavana with her students opines, "Our children were happy to see different kinds of exotic species of parrots and other birds with vibrant colours, they read all the boards and learnt a lot of facts about birds and gathered a lot of information, it was fun learning."

"I enjoyed feeding the parrots which sat on my head and shoulders. It was a unique experience" says Shravan, a localite who was seen with the birds. About 1,000 people visit the park on the weekdays and around 2,000 people visit on the weekends the entry is free and the visiting hours are from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm and 12.30 pm to 5.30 pm and it is closed on Wednesdays.

The hospital in the aviary is equipped with x-ray machine, operation theatre, DNA lab and blood testing facility and has well qualified staff which includes veterinarians. "Foot mats at all the entrances are sprayed with Virkon liquid which kills bacteria. The birds are also given regular vaccines to prevent them from common viruses," says the caretaker of the lab at the bird hospital.

The hospital has successfully performed surgeries and the birds have recovered well with the proper care and medical aid, the handicapped and congenital deformity birds are hand-fed three times a day.

IGP sets Dec. 31 deadline to make all Police Stations people-friendly

Vipul Kumar

Mysuru, Dec.14 (RK&US)- A workshop on 'People-friendly Police' was held for 120 Police Officers comprising SPs, DySPs, Circle Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors of Mysuru, Chamarajanagar, Kodagu, Mandya and Hassan coming under Southern Range at SP Office premises here this morning.

Police Superintendents C.B. Ryshyanth (Mysuru), Dr. Suman D. Pennekar (Kodagu), Dr. Ramnivas Sepat (Hassan), Parashuram (Mandya) and Chamarajanagar Additional SP Anita Haddannavar participated in the workshop.

Inaugurating the programme, IGP (Southern Range) Vipul Kumar opined that Police, other than protecting people, should also be friendly. He asserted that procedural justice should be totally met with no bias. The Police should win the trust and confidence of people to meet the expected level of appreciation. Law-abiding citizens should be respected by Police, he said.

Vipul Kumar opined that all Police Stations should have an easy approach with friendly reception. Maintaining that service should be the motto of Police, he asked the Police personnel on patrol duty to behave politely with people. Similarly he stressed the need of transparency in crime detection and investigation. The IGP set the deadline as Dec.31 before which all Police Stations should be totally transformed to people-friendly Stations.

STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya

No FASTag device at Toll Plaza

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Many travellers told *SOM* that they need at least 15 days for affixing FASTag sticker and link it to their bank accounts (FASTag accounts of banks) so that the toll is automatically deducted. "When it comes to rules, why only the public is penalised and why NHAI is ill-prepared," asked Sabitha, who was travelling to Bandipur this weekend. Even she was of the opinion that the FASTag Sensor system should have been in place at Toll Plazas before the FASTag rule was enforced.

Farmers protest; toll collection suspended: Over 200 farmers staged protest at the K.N. Hundi Toll Plaza this morning opposing the toll collection. Toll collection has been opposed by local residents, farmers and other organisations as the road is their only lifeline to move their agricultural and horticultural produce to APMC markets, Kerala and Tamil Nadu.

Following the protest, toll collection was suspended till today evening and all vehicles were moving freely to their destinations. The protests were led by farmers organisations and over 200 farmers had assembled there. They said that the Nanjangud Highway is the only link that connects Mysuru to Nanjangud, Mysuru to T. Narasipur and Gundlupet to Moolehole.

The road is taken by farmers who take their produce to Kerala and Mysuru. There is no service road on the Highway that facilitates the movement of farmers and local residents. "Paying toll on a highway for every trip is illogical and takes away most of the money that the farmers earn," the protesters argued. They warned that every day there will be protests forcing the NHAI to roll back the toll.

KIADB to launch Phase-II

of Immavu, Thandya Industrial Area

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The public hearing will be conducted by **Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) on Jan. 6, 2020 at the office of project site in Immavu and Thandya Industrial Area at 11 am.** At the public hearing, the KIADB is expected to justify site suitability in terms of environmental damage, resources sustainability associated with selected site as compared to rejected sites. The analysis should include parameters considered along with weightage criteria for short-listing the selected site.

Environmental parameters

The KIADB must submit details of environmentally sensitive places, land acquisition status, rehabilitation of communities and villagers. It will have to list the negative impacts on the environment by industries once the factories are set up, liquid and solid waste discharge. Based on the public hearing, the KIADB has to send the project report and public feedback for the approval of MoEFCC.

It will have to submit a copy of the contour plan with slopes, drainage pattern of the site and surrounding area, and any obstruction of the same by the project. Lastly, details regarding project boundary passing through any eco-sensitive area and within 10 km from eco-sensitive area must be provided, said KSPCB sources.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, KSPCB Assistant Executive Engineer Jayendra said that the KIADB is forming an industrial area at Immavu and Thandya Industrial Area Phase-II. Once the area is formed, plots will be distributed to those industries that want to set up shop in Nanjangud.

Site dimensions

The KIADB will form the industrial layout and distribute sites of one acre, half acre and quarter acre dimensions. It will charge Rs. 65 lakh to Rs. 1 crore for one acre land, Rs. 50 lakh for half acre and Rs. 25 lakh for quarter acre. SC/ST community members have 50 percent rebate and there will be 25 percent concession in land rates for women entrepreneurs.

The project documents have been kept open to public at the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Mysuru, Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Mysuru, District Industries Centre, Mysuru, City Municipal Council, Nanjangud, Taluk Panchayat Office, Immavu and Nanjangud, Village Panchayat Office, Immavu and the Office of Regional Officer-2 (Mysuru Rural), Hebbal KIADB Industrial Area, Mysuru.

Two-day Lawyers' Conference begins

Mysuru, Dec.14(PM&US)- All India Lawyers Union (AILU) is hosting a two-day 8th State AILU conference in city which commenced this morning at Kaveri Auditorium in the premises of Karnataka State Open University.

Speaking as the chief guest, retired Supreme Court Judge and former Lokayukta Santhosh Hegde bemoaned that social values have gone missing now with power-mongers taking the lead. He pitied that people released from jail on bail are honoured and worshipped. He asked the youth to realise the situation and save the country which has seen several scams.

Continuing, Santhosh Hegde pointed out that corruption has eaten into several good schemes with the beneficiary getting meager benefits ultimately, the bulk getting drained during the implementation. He contended that media is also not fully transparent and honest with a few entertaining paid news. He wished that human values should be restored to what they were yesteryears ago.

AILU National President Bikas Ranjan Bhattacharya inaugurated the programme. State Bar-Council former Chairman C.M. Jagadish welcomed, AILU Karnataka President S. Sankarappa presided.

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MLA performs *bhoomi puja* for burial ground development works

Mysuru, Dec. 14 (RKB&DM)- Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD) on Wednesday performed *bhoomi puja* (ground-breaking ceremony) at Jayapura in the taluk for development of burial grounds.

The 16 burial grounds that have been earmarked for development are at Kalasthawadi, Shyadanahalli, Lingadevarakoppal, Udbur, Kallahalli, Kellahalli, Kadakola, Jayapura, Lakshmipura, Rammanahalli, Koorgalli, Megalapura, Maddur, Marballihundi and two other villages coming under Chamundeshwari Assembly segment.

Solid Waste Disposal Units

Later, speaking to presspersons, GTD said that Rs. 2.2 crore has been sanctioned under Swachh Bharat Mission for the construction of Solid Waste Disposal Units at 11 Gram Panchayats (GPs) at a cost of Rs. 20 lakh each. These units will come up at Harohalli, Rammanahalli, Gunghral Chatra, Hosahundi, Dhanagalli, Jayapura, Kadakola, Marballi, Koorgalli, Yelwal and Doddamaragowdanahalli, he pointed out.

Ten new Parks

He said plans are afoot for creation of ten parks in the premises of Government Schools and Colleges, Government Offices and Hospitals. The civil work in this regard has already begun at Naganahalli, Harohalli, Yelwal and Hanchya, he said and added that all Government Schools and Colleges in the taluk will have a compound wall in a couple of months.

He further said that all old electric poles in Yelwal, T. Katur and Gunghral Chatra will be replaced with new ones at a cost of Rs.40 lakh.

Layouts within Ring Road to come under MCC soon

The MLA also said that all Layouts located within the Ring Road will be handed over to Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) soon. Speaking to presspersons at Jayapura, MLA G.T. Devegowda said that all Layouts — be that of MUDA, Private or Societies — will be handed over MCC soon and the District in-charge Minister has held a meeting in this regard.

Pointing out that every village in the surroundings of Mysuru has a population of about 10-15,000 on an average, he said that discussions are underway whether to attach these villages to the MCC or to bring them under a Town Panchayat.

He also appealed to the industrialists and corporate houses to fund the education of poor children and to contribute to Anganwadis under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Scheme.

Gram Panchayats to clear burial grounds encroachment

Mysuru, Dec.14 (MTY&DM)- Mysuru Taluk Panchayat (TP) Executive Officer C.R. Krishnakumar said that Gram Panchayats will reserve one day in a month for clearing the encroachment of burial ground lands in villages.

Speaking at the Taluk Panchayat General Meeting at the TP Office in Nazarbad here on Tuesday, he said that the TP has come to know of the encroachments of burial grounds in villages and action will be taken to ensure that there will be no further encroachments.

Referring to the problems faced in the disposal of wastes in rural areas, he said that the TP has found that 37 villages in the taluk were facing a lot of problems in the disposal of waste. Noting that the TP had sent a proposal to the Government seeking establishment of 21 Waste Disposal Units, he said that the Government has released Rs. 2.4 crore for the purpose and works on the construction of the units will commence soon. Apart from this, it has also been decided to declare three schools in every GP limits as plastic-free zones, he said and added that the school children will be educated on waste segregation and recycling of plastic wastes.

Government Hostels

TP Member Hanumanthu raised the issue of Government Hostels being run from private buildings in the taluk limits. Claiming that three SC/ST Hostels, 21 BCM Hostels and seven Social Welfare Department Hostels were running in rented private buildings, for which the Government is paying an annual rent of Rs. 4.25 crore, Hanumanthu alleged that most of the hostels were lacking in civic amenities.

Backward Classes Welfare Department Officer Sujendra Prasad said that the hostels are being run from private buildings for long and this system has continued. Also measures have been taken for better civic amenities at hostels, he added.

TP President Kalamma Kemparamaiah presided over the meeting. TP Vice-President N.B. Manju and others were present.

This 'Telecom Officer' gets 3 MUDA sites !

By S.T. Ravikumar

Mysuru, Dec.14- Controversies and Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) are two sides of the same coin. Every other day, MUDA is in the news for all wrong reasons either by making eligible site owners wait for decades or allot two or three sites to same person without verifying facts.

This duplication, though can easily be detected through technology, has not been found out till now raising suspicion about certain officials in MUDA who might be hand-in-glove with such people who claim Government sites, misusing or twisting the existing laws.

RTI activist detects fraud

Here is the case where three sites were sanctioned in the name of the same person under Central Government employee quota. This fraud had not come to the notice of MUDA Officers since two decades. M.N. Ramakrishna, a Central Government employee, managed to get three sites from MUDA. The scam came to the light after RTI activist B.N. Nagendra obtained documents from MUDA.

Ramakrishna has affixed his date of birth as May 13, 1960 and has mentioned in three applications that he is the son of late H.S. Nanjundaiah. Ramakrishna, when he was 29 years old, had applied for a 30X40 site in March 1989 and paid Rs. 250 as registration fee to MUDA and filed an application — 12156.

He had then applied for a site under Central Government quota and mentioned his designation as Junior Telecom Officer in Column 14 of the application. Again in 1991 March 2, he, then 30 years old, applied for another site (application number 58377 and registration number 85051) and paid a fees of Rs. 750. Again he had mentioned his designation as Junior Telecom Officer.

Not stopping at this, Ramakrishna when he was 32 years old applied for another site in March 1992 (application number 145837 and registration number 125007). Here he had mentioned the date as Telecom District Manager.

According to RTI activist Nagendra, as per the documents obtained from MUDA, three sites — one each in Dattagalli Third Stage, Vijayanagar Fourth Stage and Devanoor Second Stage — have been sanctioned to Ramakrishna under Central Government employee quota in 1991 and 1994. There is no provision to allot sites in the name of a person, who already owns a site.

Officials hand-in-glove?

Nagendra suspected the role of MUDA officials in the scam as the documents of two sites were issued on the same day. The title deeds of Dattagalli and Vijayanagar sites were issued on the same day on June 6, 1994. Earlier, MUDA had sanctioned a site for Ramakrishna at Devanoor Second Stage on February 6, 1991.

Ramakrishna has only paid Rs. 32,000 to MUDA and on its part, MUDA has sanctioned the sites and also given him lease-cum-sale agreement, possession certificate and No Objection Certificate, facilitating Ramakrishna to obtain loan from banks.

Impossible to own multiple MUDA sites

Nagendra said that it is impossible to get multiple sites without the involvement of MUDA officials. "Ramakrishna has given the same photographs at all the three application forms but mentioned different address. As per the documents, Vijayanagar site was allotted after five attempts and Dattagalli site was allotted after four attempts. But, in reality, the officials did not even verify documents and allotted the site illegally," he alleged.

Sold off two sites

According to Nagendra, Ramakrishna has sold two sites and has applied for another new site. However, the documents are yet to be obtained, he said. As per the Karnataka Urban Development Authorities (allotment of sites) Rules, 1991, there is no provision to allot more than one site for a person.

Legal action will be initiated: MUDA Commissioner

Reacting on the case of three sites, MUDA Commissioner P.S. Kantharaju said that the issue has come to their notice and legal action will be taken. "As per the documents, all the three sites are allotted under Central Government employee quota and it is illegal. *Prima facie*, it looks like a scam and a thorough probe will be conducted in this regard. Notices have been issued and the allotments of three sites will be cancelled and will be taken back. If any officials are found guilty, disciplinary action will be taken against them," he said.

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Mysuru, Dec.14- Mysuru Cycling Club is organising Kids Cycling Competition tomorrow (Dec.15) at 7 am at R.T. Nagar Layout near Ring Road.

Any school student can participate in the competition which will be held in the following age categories for both boys and girls: U-8 years, U-10 years, U-12 years, U-14 years and U-16 years.

All participants will get Goodies bag, T-shirt, certificates and refreshments. Top three winners will be awarded prizes. All kinds of cycles are allowed in this competition.

For online registration, log on: *www.mysurucyclingclub.com*

For details, contact Mob: 88848-51538 or 87229-09562, according to a press release.

20th ProTec Cup 2019 Basketball Tournament

Mysuru, Dec.14- The Pro-Tec Association, Mysuru, will be conducting a District-level Basketball League Tournament from Dec.21 to 24, for Middle School, High School and PU (both boys and girls) and also a tournament for U-13 boys & girls (only signed players from respective affiliated Clubs of MDBBA) at the New University Basketball Courts in city.

Interested Clubs may contact Pro-Tec Association Secretary Sethuram on Mob: 98459-51971, according to a release.

KSCA Inter-Zonal U-14 Cricket Tournament

Combined City XI gains first innings points over Mysuru Zone

Bengaluru, Dec.14- Combined City XI gained the vital first innings points in their drawn two-day Group 'B' League encounter against Mysuru Zone in the KSCA Inter-Zonal U-14 Cricket Tournament match played at the Jain International Residential School Grounds in Bengaluru on Dec.12 and 13.

SCORES

Mysuru Zone: 191 in 86.5 overs (Gagaan Prem 69, M. Kanishk 40, H. Amogh 20 n.o., R. Raaj 18, N. Dheeraj 2/17, Aryan Jain 2/37, Md. Amaan 2/17) & 58/6 in 16 overs (Adithya Pavalkar 3/15, Hardik Raj 3/41) drew with **Combined City XI:** 347/8 in 90 overs (Arjun Reddy 150, Monish Karthik 54, Hardik Raj 65, R. Sarvesh Kumar 4/47, S. Dhanush Gowda 2/65, R. Raaj 1/48, S. Ganapreeth 1/29).

IGU 119th All India Amateur Match-play Golf Championship 2019

Mysuru's Aryan Roopa Anand enters semi-finals

Bengaluru, Dec.14- Top-seed Aryan Roopa Anand (JWGC) entered the semi-finals in the Match-play event by outplaying Keshav Mishra in the IGU 119th All-India Amateur Match-play Golf Championships 2019, played at Eagleton The Golf Resort, Bidadi near Bengaluru, on Friday.

In the semi-finals, Aryan Roopa Anand takes on Aditya Chahal on Saturday. In the pre-quarter-finals, Aryan had a good 3-2 win over Shravan Desai to progress further.

In the stroke-play event held earlier, Aryan Roopa Anand won the title with a two-day aggregate score of 135 (67+68).

Australian Open: Top Guns confirm participation

First Grand Slam of the season to begin in January

Melbourne, Dec.14- All the world's top 50 men and women players, bar Victoria Azarenka, have confirmed they will start the Australian Open, the first Grand Slam of the season, at Melbourne Park in January, organisers said Saturday.

Top-ranked Rafael Nadal and Ashleigh Barty lead the field at the 115th edition of the tournament from Jan.20-Feb.7, which will mark the return to action of former world number three Juan Martin del Potro. The Argentinian has a protected ranking of 22 as he makes a comeback from a six-month injury break.

Seven-time winner Serena Williams will play as she targets an elusive 24th Grand Slam title to match the all-time haul of Margaret Court.

Margaret Court will be honoured during the tournament to mark the 50th anniversary of her calendar-year Grand Slam.

Serena Williams' 39-year-old sister Venus will also be back for another year.

Missing among the top 50 is two-time champion Azarenka, who withdrew prior to the entry deadline Saturday for unspecified reasons.

"We are delighted to welcome this extremely strong player field to Melbourne in what promises to be a once in a generation event," said tournament director Craig Tiley.

Over the past decade, with the exception of Swiss Stan Wawrinka in 2014, the men's event has been dominated by Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer, while Nadal won his first and only crown in 2009.

Djokovic is the defending champion and is gunning for an eighth title while Federer, at age 38, is looking for his seventh.

The women's event has been far more open with seven different champions in the past 10 years, including Japan's Naomi Osaka in 2019.

Former winner Caroline Wozniacki recently announced that the Tournament would be her last before retiring.

UoM's Best Physique and Weightlifting team for All India Championship

The Best Physique & Weightlifting team of University of Mysore (UoM) which will take part in the All India Inter-University Best Physique & Weightlifting Championship (2019-20) to be held at Chandigarh University, Mohali district, Punjab, from Dec.15 to 19. Seen are *(standing from left)* ***M. Vasu, K.B. Manoj, R. Raju, Faisal Khan and B.P. Sharath;*** *(sitting from left)* ***Coach & Manager N.A. Madhusudhana, UoM's Department of Physical Education Director (in-Charge) Dr. P. Krishnaiah and Association of Indian Universities (AIU) Observer Dr. Mahdhavan.***

Vehicle-lifter arrested

16 two-wheelers recovered

Mysuru, Dec.14- In a major catch, the Metagalli Police, who arrested a notorious vehicle-lifter, have recovered 16 highend two-wheelers totally worth about Rs.12.65 lakh from him.

The arrested has been identified as Keertikumar, 24, of Uttenahalli in Periyapatna taluk.

Acting on a tip-off, the Police picked up Keertikumar a couple of days ago when he was attempting to sell an expensive motorcycle for a throwaway price.

During interrogation, he confessed to have stolen two-wheelers from many places, following which the Police recoverd 3 Royal Enfield Motorcycles, 3 Pulsar motorcycles, 8 Honda Dio scooters, a Yamaha FZ motorcycle and a KTM Duke Motorcycle from him. The total value of the 16 two-wheelers is estimated at Rs.12.65 lakh.

With his arrest, the Police have solved a total of 11 two-wheeler theft cases registered in Jayalakshmipuram, Devaraja, Mandi and Vijayanagar Police Stations in the city, Rajajinagar, Kalasipalya, Vijayanagar and Chandra Layout Police Stations in Bengaluru, Hunsur, Yelwal and Periyapatna Police Stations.

Keertikumar had the uncanny knack of breaking vehicle locks with leg kicks. He is a habitual offender who was out on bail after the Bengaluru CCB Police, Bengaluru Rural Police and Bidadi Police had arrested him in vehicle theft cases recently, it is learnt.

DCPs M. Muthuraj and B.T. Kavita supervised NR Sub-Division ACP M. Shivashankar, Metagalli Inspector Raghavendra, SIs Vishwanath and Nagaraj Nayak and staff N.T. Ponnappa, Lingarajappa, Suresh, Chandrakanta Talawar, Narasimharaju, T.D. Likita, Mohan and Asha in the nabbing operation.

Six nabbed in connection with group clash at Saligrama

K.R. Nagar, Dec.14 (Berya Mahesh & Jyothi)- The Police have arrested six persons in connection with a clash that broke out between two groups over a trivial issue at Saligrama in the taluk on Thursday. Several houses in Saligrama have been damaged as the warring groups indulged in stone-pelting.

The clashes broke out following a wordy duel over an accident involving two motor-cycles near the village. Srinivas, one of the bike rider, who sustained injuries in the clash, has been admitted to a local hospital. Even as Srinivas was undergoing treatment in the hospital, another group led by Chandru is also said to have assaulted one Ajay who came to the hospital to call on the injured Srinivas.

Meanwhile, uneasy calm prevails at Saligrama, even as K.R. Nagar MLA and former Minister S.R. Mahesh visited the village and appealed for peace and harmony between all communities.

Saligrama Police have registered four cases related to the incident, including one for caste abuse. The Police have named S.R. Ravish, one of the brothers of MLA S.R. Mahesh as an accused in the caste abuse case.

As tension prevailed in the village following violent clashes, SP C.B. Ryshyanth and other senior Police officials visited the village. Six platoons of Reserve Police are camping in the village for the past two days to ensure that clashes do not recur.

Complaint against Bishop was under duress: Woman

Mysuru, Dec.14- Two weeks after an FIR was filed against Mysuru Bishop Most Rev. K.A. William for allegedly outraging the modesty of a woman, the woman in question appeared before journalists at Pathrakartara Bhavan in city yesterday and claimed that she did not voluntarily lodge any complaint against anyone and she was forced to do so.

It may be recalled here that following a complaint by Association of Concerned Catholics (AoCC) activist Robert Rosario, the Lashkar Police had booked the Bishop on charges of misconduct and impropriety.

A video message and a hand-written complaint by the woman was in circulation on social platforms for a month.

The Bishop has since then denied all allegations and claimed that the charges were baseless and were to tarnish his image and of that of the community.

The woman claimed that she had recorded the message and wrote the complaint under duress. She blamed a priest for the alleged episode wherein the Bishop and two other priests were made the accused. She told reporters that she had explained everything in her statement to the Magistrate.

She also apologised to the Bishop and two other priests of the Catholic Diocese of Mysuru for the FIR registered against them.

Rosario had accused the Bishop of 'kidnapping, threatening and outraging the modesty of a woman.' The woman now has claimed that she did not voluntarily lodge complaint against any one.

Accompanied by advocates Mahadev Prasad and Shekar and a relative, the woman said that she does not even know who Robert Rosario was.

She claimed that the video was shot by someone else. She also claimed that she had just shared the video with a priest and he may have leaked it to Rosario.

"I have not faced any kind of trouble from the Bishop's side and certain other priests conspired to remove Bishop William from his post and forced me to be a part of their plan. They threatened me and my family and forced me to give written statement. They have used my name to defame the Bishop and I apologise to him," the woman said.

Mysore University Evening College Principal passes away

Mysuru, Dec.14- Dr. S. Anjaneya, Principal, Mysore University Evening College and a resident of Dattagalli, near Triveni Market, passed away at a private hospital in city this morning. He was 61.

Dr. Anjayeya, who had been to meet the Vice-Chancellor yesterday afternoon, collapsed following a heart attack and was admitted to the hospital where he breathed his last today. He leaves behind his wife, a son, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites will be held this evening.

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A native of Chitradurga, he was serving for the past 35 years in the University and was appointed as the Principal of the Evening College two years ago. He was to retire in May next year.

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Pati Patni Aur Woh (H)	(S-2)	10.45 am, 4.20 pm
Kaalidas (Ta)	(S-2)	1.30 pm
Mamangam (Ma)	(S-2)	9.45 pm
Kalidasa Kannada Meshtru (K)	(S-3)	1.45 pm
The Body (H)	(S-3)	4.45 pm
Venky Mama (Te)	(S-3)	7.00 pm, 9.50 pm
Jumanji 2 : The Next Level (E-3D)	(S-4)	10.25 am, 4.35 pm
		7.15 pm, 9.50 pm

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Jumanji 2 : The Next Level (E-3D)	(S-1)	10.40 am, 1.20 pm
		4.05 pm, 6.50, 9.40 pm
Odeya (K)	(S-2)	9.50 am, 4.10 pm, 9.50 pm
	(S-3)	12.05 pm, 6.35 pm
Mardaani -2 (H)	(S-2)	7.30 pm
	(S-3)	9.50 am, 2.25 pm
		5.15 pm, 9.55 pm
Pati Patni Aur Woh (H)	(S-3)	12.10 pm
The Body (H)	(S-4)	9.50 am
	(S-3)	7.35 pm
Venky Mama (Te)	(S-2)	1.05 pm
	(S-4)	9.55 pm
Mamangam (Ma)	(S-4)	3.25 pm

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Jumanji: The Next Level (E-3D)	8 am, 10.45 am, 1.30 pm
	7.15 pm, 10.00 pm
Odeya (K)	8.40 am, 12 noon, 3.20 pm
	6.40 pm, 10.00 pm
Mardaani 2 (H)	8.50 am, 11.45 am, 2.25 pm
	4.50 pm, 7.15 pm, 9.40 pm
The Body (H)	9.20 am, 2.10 pm, 7.25 pm
Venky Mama (Te)	11.20 am, 4.15 pm
Pati Patni Aur Woh (H)	4.35 pm
Mamangam (Ma)	9.50 pm

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Saxophone Concert at Suttur Mutt

Vid. Harish Pandav presenting Saxophone Recital at the Mysuru Branch of Suttur Mutt at the foot of Chamundi Hill on Dec.12, as part of Moonlight Music - 219. He is accompanied by Vid. C.N. Tyagarajan on violin , Vid. Anur Vinod Shyam on mridanga and Radhakrishna on percussion support.

EVENTS TODAY (DEC. 14)

Kalasuruchi: Story-telling for kids by K.R. Sumathi, Drama Director and Professor in Drama, Lalithakala College, Mysore University, Suruchi Rangamane, #476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.**

Viveka Kutumbakam: 7th Annual Day celebrations of Sri Viveka Vidyalaya PU College, NIE-MC Director Ashok Anand chief guest, Freelancing Education Consultant guest of honour, former MLC and Sri Viveka Vidyalaya Chairman K.C. Puttasiddashetty presides, Sri Viveka Vidyalaya PU College, Srirampura, **5 pm.**

Sri Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate: Sri Hanuma Jayanti Mahotsava, Cultural Programme, Annamayya Kirtanas by Rashmi Adish and troupe, **5 pm;** Bharatanatyam by Lalitha Ganapathy and troupe, Temple premises, **6.45 pm.**

Police Public School (Managed by Karnataka State Police Welfare and Education Trust): 11th Annual Day, Second session: Consultant Physician Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem chief guest, SP C.B. Ryshyanth presides, Karnataka Police Academy auditorium, Jalapuri, **5 pm.**

Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha: P.G. Lakshminarayana 13th year memorial concerts, renowned mridanga artiste *Karnataka Kalaashree* Vid. M. Vasudeva Rao will be conferred 'Naadala Visharada' title, Karnatak violin duet by Vid. H.K. Venkataram and Vid. Vishnu Venkataram accompanied by Vid. H.S. Sudheendra on mridanga and Vid. G. Omkar Rao on ghata, Sabha premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Flute and Tabla recital by Ravishankar Mishra and Gowrishankar Karmakar, accompanied by Satish Kolli on harmonium, Deepa Mishra on tanpura, Ashrama Auditorium, Yadavagiri, **6 pm to 8 pm.**

Sri Geethapracharini Sabha Trust, Mysuru (Geetha Mandira): Mass Vishnu Sahasranama Parayana, **6 pm;** Discourse by Swami Namadevananda Bharathi, **6.30 pm;** Mahamangalarati and Prasada Viniyoga, 33rd Cross Road, Sri Geetha Mandira Road, **8 pm to 8.30 pm.**

Karnataka Renewable Energy Development Ltd. (KREDL): National Energy Conservation Day, technical talk by D.K. Dinesh Kumar, Project Engineer, KREDL, Dr. R. Suresh, Chairman, Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysuru Local Centre, presides, IEI premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

Ananya Books and Paraspara Art Foundation, Mysuru: Book release and staging of play, Prashanthi Bilikere, Head, Paraspara Art Foundation, inaugurates; Book release — 'Ragotri' by B.L. Tripurantaka — by Dr. Nandish Hanche, President, Kannada Book Authority, Bengaluru, Prof. H.S. Umesh, theatre personality and retd. Principal, Mysuru, speaks about the book, D.N. Lokappa, Publisher, Samvahana Prakashana, will be present, **6 pm;** Staging of play 'The Paying Guest,' Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**

Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Charitable Trust: Monthly cultural programme, Karnatak Classical Vocal by Vipanchi Raghuram and Mahathi Raghuram, accompanied by Tumkur Yashaswi on violin and Vikram Bharadhwaj on mridanga, Srirama Mandira, Srirampet, **6.30 pm.**

Samathento: Staging of MSK Prabhu's play 'Gulamana Swatantrya Yathre' [Directed by V. Basavaraj], Vanaranga, Rangayana premises, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 15)

Sri Geethapracharini Sabha Trust, Mysuru (Geetha Mandira): Abhisheka, Alankara, **7.30 am;** Mahamangalarati and Prasada Viniyoga, **8.30 am;** Akhanda Bhajan by Sri Bhavasara Kshatriya Bhajana Mandali, **9.30 am to 12.30 pm;** Rathotsava, Ganapati Homa and Vishnu Sahasranama Homa, Annapurneshwari Puja and Annasantarpana, **1 pm;** Discourse by Sri Swamy Namadevananda Bharati, **6 pm;** Utsava Mangala, Sri Swami Namadevananda Bharati presides, 33rd Cross Road, Sri Geetha Mandira Road, **7 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Anokhi Garden: ...the bewitching, lyrical world of Ram Singh Urveti - Gond Artist, Anokhi Garden, 408, Contour Road, near Adithya Hospital, Gokulam, 3rd Stage, **8 am to 5 pm.**

Builders' Association of India (BAI), Mysore Centre: MyBuild-2019, an exhibition of construction materials, interiors and lifestyles, Maharaja's College Grounds, **10 am to 9 pm.**

Tarangaa: 5th year annual event, performance by students of Tarangaa, **10.30 am;** Musical Ensemble — Vid. G.S. Ramanujam on mridanga, Vid. A. Radhesh on mridanga, Vid. S. Manjunath on ghata, Vidu. M.A. Jyothi on violin and Vidu. Smitha Srikiran on flute, Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **12.15 pm.**

Sahara Art and Crafts: Handicraft and Handloom Exhibition-cum-Sale, Scouts and Guides Ground, behind DC's Office, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**

Children's Literary Club, Mysuru: Staging of English play 'Stage Chemistry: Neuro Chemistry: Neuro-Psychiatric Disorders on Stage,' talk on 'Inter-Disciplinary Studies' by Prof. H.S. Umesh, Formerly Principal of Sarada Vilas B.Ed College, well-known theatre personality and Dr. R. Indira, formerly Professor of Sociology and Director, International Centre, University of Mysore, Maneyangala, Kalamandira premises, **10.40 am.**

Karnataka State Hotel and Restaurant Owners Association, Bengaluru: Conferring of Athithya Ratna awards on Mysuru's Ram Vittal Das and Murali Rangaswamy, K.K. Bhaskar of Kodagu, N. Sriramarao of Chikkaballapur, Kalmane Trivikrama Acharya of Ballari, Madhava Govind Nayaka of Bagalkot, Haridas Shetty of Hubballi, B.Seetharama Shetty and B.S. Manjunath of Bengaluru; Conferring of Udyama Ratna awards L.R. Kamath and Shylendra Sharma of Bengaluru and Rammohan Naik of Belagavi; Teerthahalli Bheemasethu Mutt Seer Raghuvarendra Teertha Swamiji graces the occasion, Mysuru District Minister V. Somanna inaugurates, MP Pratap Simha, MLAs L. Nagendra, G.T. Devegowda and S.A. Ramdas, MLC Sandesh Nagaraj, Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath, actor Gurunandan, Association Hon. President K. Prakash Shetty and others will be present, Asha Prakash Shetty Bunts Bhavan, Vijayanagar 3rd Stage, **4 pm.**

Sri Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate: Sri Hanuma Jayanti Mahotsava, Cultural Programme, Classical Music - Devaranama by Vid. M.S. Naveen Andagaru and troupe, **5 pm;** Dance Drama by Nadavidyalaya Music and Dance Academy, Mysuru, Temple premises, **6.45 pm.**

Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha: B.M. Subbanna Memorial concert sponsored by Bellur Foundation, Karnatak Vocal concert by Vivek Moozhikkulam, accompanied on violin by B.K. Raghu while C. Cheluvaraju on mridanga and G.S. Ramanujan on ghata, Sabha premises, JLB Road, **5.30 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Muktidanandaji speaks on 'Bhagavad Gita and Karma Yoga,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Shantala Kalavidaru, Chamarajanagar and Natana School of Theatre Arts: One-woman play 'Mein thennu phir milungi' enacted by senior artiste Chitra Venkataraju of Shantala Kalavidaru, Natana premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**

Articulate Dance Fest tomorrow

Divya Bhat

Meghana

Kanchanashree

Mysuru, Dec.14-The monthly dance festival, Articulate Festival-46, organised by Mysore B. Nagaraj, Artistic Director and Festival Coordinator, will be held tomorrow (Dec.15) at 6 pm at Veene Seshanna Bhavana in Kuvempunagar.

The following artistes will be performing on the occasion:

Meghana Venkat, an accomplished dancer, was initiated to Bharatanatyam at an early age and remained under the tutelage of several Gurus from Kalakshetra. Under Guru, Nattuvanar *Padma Sri* Adyar K. Lakshman, Chennai, she furthered her training to become a classical artiste with firm footing. She is the Founder-Director of "Nritya Nadam" in Bengaluru. Meghana, a graded artiste of Doordarshan, has been bestowed with many honours and awards

S. Kanchanashree, a proficient Bhratanatyam artiste, trained under Guru Vidu. Kripa Phadke, completed her B.A. in Bhartanatyam and presently pursuing M.A. 2nd Year in K.S.G.H. Music and Performing Arts University, Mysuru. Kanchanashree completed senior grade exams by K.S.E.E.B. She has also completed her Alankara Shasthra Vidwath in Maharaja Samskritha Pata Shala, Mysuru. A graded artiste of Dooradarshan, Kanchanashree is a recipient of scholarship offered by Karnataka Sangeetha Nrithya Academy.

Divya Bhat was initiated to Bharatanatyam at Lalithakala Academy Foundation, Mysuru, and thereafter as a disciple of Guru Vidyashree Radhakrishna at Mangaluru has staged various shows at prestigious platforms in India and Kuwait. A graded artiste of Prasar Bharati, she secured first rank in Bharatanatyam Senior and Vidwat exams in Dakshina Kannada District. She has been conferred with the title of "Nalanda Nritya Nipuna" by the prestigious Nalanda Dance Research Centre, Mumbai.

Celebrating 237th show of English Play "Stage Chemistry" this Sunday

Dr. R. Purnima

Mysuru, Dec. 14-Children's Literary Club, Mysuru, has organised a programme at Maneyangala in Kalamandira premises on Dec. 15 at 10.45 am to celebrate the successful and continuous staging of the One- Woman Play in English titled "Stage Chemistry: Neuro-Psychiatric Disorders on Stage."

Already staged 237 times, this show has been performed by Dr. R. Purnima at select educational institutions in Mysuru, Kolar, Chikmagalur, Yadgiri, Kalaburagi, Tumakuru, Kodagu, Hassan, Dakshina Kannada, Uttara Kannada, Belagavi, Dharwad, Gadag, Haveri, Chamarajanagar, Bengaluru, Chitradurga, Shivamogga, Davanagere, Mandya and Udupi Districts in Karnataka; Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Assam, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and New Delhi also.

Concept, Script, Stage Management, Costume Designing, Production and Direction are by Dr. Purnima.

Also there will be a talk on Inter-Disciplinary Studies by Prof. H.S. Umesh, former Principal of Sarada Vilas B.Ed College and also a well-known theatre personality and by Dr. R. Indira, former Professor of Sociology and Director, International Centre, University of Mysore.

Dr. R. Purnima, formerly a Professor of English at KSOU, is now the Director of Children's Literary Club. She can be contacted on Mob: 96323-15924.

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